Traffic jams in Delhi during rains

2244. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever there is rain in Delhi the Traffic jams are imminent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government are taking for its remedy;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the staff of MCD is not working upto the mark due to which sewage system is not working properly during the rain; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to hire lower level employees privately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Delhi Traffic Police authorities have observed that flow of traffic is disrupted during heavy rains in certain stretches of roads. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has stated that appropriate measures are taken to avoid storm water stagnation during rains. The MCD has desilted 1296 big drains, identified 135 low lying areas prone to flooding during heavy rains and operated 96 permanent pumping stations. It has also deployed 428 electric pump sets, 176 diesel pump sets, 43 diesel generator sets and 55 D.G. Sets on hire basis for de-watering of stagnant water from low lying areas prone to flooding during heavy rains.

(d) MCD has indicated that the sewage system is under the maintenance of the Delhi Jal Board.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Group Housing Societies

2245. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Notification was issued by the Lt. Governor of Delhi for regularizing the Group Housing/Housing Co-operative Society without holding elections during the last three years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.